

**Delaware Women's Commission
Office of Women's Advancement & Advocacy
State of Delaware, Department of Human Resources**

Haslet Building
122 Martin Luther King Blvd, South
Dover, DE 19901
Monday May 21, 2018
10:30am to 12:00pm

Carvel State Office Building
820 N. French Street, 10th Floor
Wilmington, DE 19801
(Via Videoconferencing)

Attendees:

Alisha Bryson-Wilmington Videoconference
Katherine Caudle
Sherry Dorsey Walker-Wilmington Videoconference
*Marian Palley
Rosalia Velazquez
Sobia Choudhri
Carling Ryan
Sherese Brewington-Carr
*Chairperson

DRAFT MINUTES

Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Marian Palley at 10:30 a.m. The chairperson welcomed everyone for attending.

Comments from Marian Palley

The chairperson talked about the Redefining Women event that occurred in March. The chairperson expressed that the event was very good and she was glad to represent the Delaware Women's Commission. The chairperson asked the Commission members to attend the Hall of Fame event scheduled for September 27, 2018.

Update from the Office of Women's Advancement & Advocacy

Carling Ryan, who is the Policy and Research Analyst for the OWAA was introduced to the Women's Commission. She will give the updates for the Office of Women's Advancement & Advocacy. There has been a lot of promotion around the Hall of Fame application. The application process closes May 15, 2018. The Hall of Fame members will now meet to go over the applications that were submitted and select the nominees. There has been testimony from the Office of Women's Advancement & Advocacy in legislative hall on several House Bills. ERA (HB 399), Beau Biden Gun Violence Prevention Act (HB 302), Child Marriage Bill (HB 337). The Governor signed this bill into law in the month of May. Delaware is the first state in the country to end child marriage. The Office of Women's Advancement & Advocacy also was involved with a bill (HB 166) sponsored by Senator Henry to provide feminine hygiene products to women who are incarcerated in Children's Dept. or DOC free of charge. Minimum Wage Bill (HB 170) No consensual relations when in custody of law enforcement (HB 169) Protection from Harassment in the Workplace. (HB 360) ACA requirement for Birth Control. Provide 12 months of prescribed Birth Control and also get Plan B without a prescription. (SB 151). The Office of Women's Advancement & Advocacy is testifying and doing research, talking to legislators on behalf of the Office of Women's Advancement & Advocacy. The Women's Commission also endorsed some of the legislation and they would like a list of the legislation being introduced.

Update of Legislative Actions/Governors Action

The Office of Women's Advancement & Advocacy is working on (HB3) Paid Parental Leave. Commission members would like to have a drop box or some sort of digital information portal where the Commission members can get the information for what bills are coming before the legislators. The partners and opponents of bills could also be put into the drop box so everyone will know who is for a bill and who opposes bill. The Office of Women's Advancement & Advocacy is still working on setting up Salary Negotiations workshops within all three counties. The commission members were told about the event at Theatre N on May 11, 2018 for the documentary for Supreme Court Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg. There will also be a panel discussion at the end of the documentary.

New Business:

There could be a shared folder for the Office of Women's Advancement & Advocacy through Google Docs. The Delaware Women's Commission would like to sponsor an event for women 18-40 years of age that have done or are doing remarkable thing and making contributions to her community now. Sherese Brewington-Carr made a motion for the Delaware Women's Commission propose and support the She's on her way aware on March 2019. Sobia Choudhri second, none opposed. The Delaware Women's Commission selected Sherese Brewington-Carr to be the chairperson for the subcommittee. If any of the members of the Women's Commission would like to be on the committee they are to speak with Sherese. The chairperson of the Delaware Women's Commission would like a primary report on September 24th and bring a proposed date and a draft application form at the next meeting. Ms. Laura Burnett would like to volunteer to help with the event. The chairperson motioned to approve the minutes. Katherine Caudle second, all in favor, none opposed

Public Comment and Final Thoughts

A'Shellarien introduced herself to the Commission. She is the first Chaplain in the National Guard. She runs an organization called Healing Communities who teach pastors help those returning to the community from incarceration to feel welcome back into the community. Laura Burnett introduced herself to the Commission and she let everyone know she is there to help out as a volunteer.

Motion to adjourn Marian Palley
Second motion Alison Bryson
All in favor, none opposed

To do:

The chairperson would like a primary report, a proposed date and a draft application form for the "She's on her way" event and bring at the next meeting of the Delaware Women's Commission on September 24, 2018.